

# Aurora Dividend Income Trust Performance Report - November 2015



# Summary

- The Trust fell -1.7% over the month as global markets were broadly weaker.
- Over November, Australian bond yields and the AUD strengthened, whereas iron ore (-13%), gold (-7%) and oil (-10%) were hit hard due to a combination of a stronger USD dollar and commodity demand concerns.
- After-tax income remains a core goal in managing the Trust and the November distribution was franked at 191%. Over the course of 2015 the Trust has paid income and franking of 8.4%.

## Objective

The objective of the Trust, relative to the Australian equity market, is to provide investors with:

- greater total returns over rolling 5 year periods;
- · more income and franking credits each year; and
- · less volatility.

## Performance after Fees

Returns including franking credits	1 month	3 months	12 months	3 yrs (p.a)	Since (p.a.) 31-Dec-10	Since Inception 16-Nov-05 (p.a)
Dividend Income Trust <sup>1</sup>	-1.7%	-5.1%	-10.4%	1.9%	3.8%	5.2%
Benchmark*	-0.3%	0.7%	3.0%	6.9%	5.8%	6.1%
Value add	-1.4%	-5.8%	-13.4%	-5.0%	-2.0%	-0.9%

<sup>\*</sup> The Benchmark is calculated as 50% of the return on the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index adjusted to include franking credits plus 50% of the return on the UBS Australia Bank Bill Index. The weights in the benchmark are the same as the target weights of the Trust.

## **Distributions**

The Trust distributes at least 0.5% of net assets in cash per month. In addition, the Trust distributes franking credits monthly.

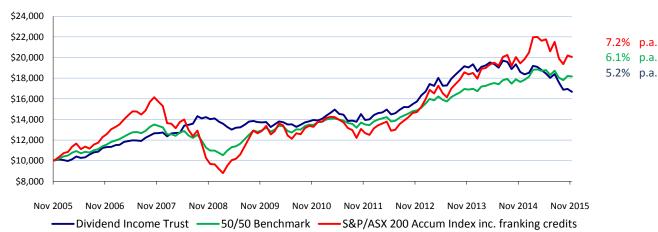
Yield including franking credits	1 month	3 months	12 months	3 yrs (p.a)	Since (p.a.) 31-Dec-10	Since Inception 16-Nov-05 (p.a)
Dividend Income Trust	0.9%	2.7%	8.4%	9.7%	11.3%	10.8%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index		1.6%	6.0%	6.2%	6.2%	6.1%

# Volatility

Volatility is a measure of risk. The volatility of the Trust is expected to be less than the volatility of the market.

Volatility	3 yrs (p.a)	Since (p.a.) 31-Dec-10	Since Inception 16-Nov-05 (p.a)
Dividend Income Trust	9.3%	8.7%	7.5%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index	12.6%	12.1%	14.1%

# **Historic Performance Chart**



## Commentary

## **Performance Update**

Weak performance from the mining sector dragged down the ASX 200 which fell -1.4% over the month of November. The chief contributor was index heavyweight BHP (-21%) that was sold off aggressively after a tailings dam in a joint venture-owned mine in Brazil failed, causing significant damage. Additionally Santos (-21%) announced assets sales, a new CEO and a large capital raising to shore up the company's balance sheet. Over the month the top performing stocks were Magellan (+15%), CSR (+14%) and Caltex (+9%). The weakest performers were Slater + Gordon (-67%), Sims (-31%) and ALS (-24%). Additionally Dick Smith's (-60%) second downgrade in a month will increase investor scepticism towards new IPOs.

#### **Portfolio Performance**

The Trust had a weak month falling -1.7%. In November the Trust benefited from long positions in Westpac (+5%), ANZ (+3%) and Caltex (+9%), as well as being short Macquarie (-3%), Newcrest (-11%) and Slater + Gordon (-67%).

The principle detractors from performance was the long position in BHP (-21%), Wesfarmers (-3%) and Rio (-9%), as well as the short position in Sydney Airport (+2%) and CSL (+7%). We are currently conducting a strategic review of the Trust's investment processes in relation to its positioning towards companies paying tax outside Australia.

## **Portfolio Trading**

Early in the month we rebalanced to execute a strategy designed to augment the Trust's distributable franking credits. Maximising after-tax income remains a core goal in managing the Trust and we were pleased that the November distribution was franked at 191%. The earnings quality overlay was again a positive contributor to performance in November.

## **Trust Valuations**

Current Distribution yield	9.00%
Net Assets Value per Unit-incl. franking	\$0.7521

## **Trust Details**

ARSN	151 947 732
ASX Code (Quoted Unit)	AOD
APIR Code (Managed Fund)	AFM0010AU
Minimum suggested timeframe	5 Years
Entry Fee	Nil
Exit Fee	Nil
Buy/Sell Spread	0.1%/0.1%
Total Management Cost	1.3% p.a.
Distribution frequency	Monthly
Minimum monthly distribution <sup>2</sup>	0.5% cash + franking

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- Aurora Global Income Trust
  - (ASX Code: AIB)
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### Notes

- 1. The returns describe the consolidated returns after fees of the Trust and the Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Trust (ARSN 108 249 154, 'ASDIT' established 16 November 2005). They assume the reinvestment of distributions and franking credits. The performance references against the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index plus the value of franking credits as determined by Aurora. The investment strategy of these trusts were modified on 31 December 2010.
- 2. The Trust intends to always distribute at least 0.5% of NAV in cash plus any available franking credits, per month regardless of performance. This means that if there is insufficient net income in a given month, investors may receive a partial (or full) return of capital.